

TOWN OF FLORIDA BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Florida Town Board was called to order at 7:06 pm by Supervisor Mead. Also present for the meeting were Councilman Rackowski, Councilman Alikonis, Councilman Phillips, Councilman Robataille, Attorney Slezak and Town Clerk Staley.

Councilman Phillips led the salute to the flag.

Motion by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Alikonis to amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION #55** authorizing the Highway Superintendent Steven Anderson to expend CHIPS money for the year 2018. All in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Phillips to adopt the Agenda; all in favor and passed.

Motion by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to approve and accept minutes of March 19, 2018 Board Meeting; all in favor and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications & Announcements:

- Supervisor Mead announced that anyone who missed the Public Hearing for the zone change request for lands on Route 30 could speak during Public Comment time.

Legislative:

- Nothing at this time.

Engineering:

- Stephen B. Le Fevre a representative from Barton & Loguidice and Terresa M. Bakner an attorney from Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna were on hand to speak to the Town Board about the large scale solar farm that High River Energy is planning on putting 880 acres. They explained how the process works through the New York State Public Service Commission and that they are available to assist the Town with paperwork and the hearing processes. The Board will make a decision at the next meeting whether to retain the services of both firms for assistance with this project.

Attorney:

- Attorney Slezak has updated the Montgomery County Procurement Policy for the Town of Florida to use as its own. A public hearing will be set.
- Clean up on the Francisco property is going before the judge.
- Mr. Leffler has been put on official notice to clean up his property. This is the final step before a court hearing will be requested.

Planning and Zoning:

- Mike Taylor, Rich Romeo and Chris Holloway from the Planning Board were on hand and said they believe that it would be a good idea to have representation to assist with the paperwork for the large solar project. There is a great deal of information to process.
- John Sampone informed the Board that annual inspections have begun. Dollar General is planning on starting back up the week of May 6. All of his reports have been submitted to the State.

Building Maintenance:

- A request was made to give an older coffee pot to the Youth Commission for the snack shack since the Town has purchased three (3) new ones. The Board agreed that would be appropriate.

Highway:

- A total of one hundred forty-one thousand four hundred sixty-three dollars and twenty six cents (\$141,463.26) is available from CHIPS money for the 2018 Town of Florida Road Program.

Water and Sewer:

- Supervisor Mead is trying to get a sewer contract together for the city of Amsterdam. Attorney Slezak said she may have a precedent in her files that the Town can go off of.

Youth:

- T-ball sign-ups have started. Nothing beginning until the 2nd week of May due to the weather.
- No other activities scheduled at this time.

Veterans:

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

- Supervisor Mead asked if anyone would make a motion to put the zone change for lands on Thayer Road and Route 5s up for Resolution and vote. No motion was made.

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION #52** sponsored by Supervisor Mead and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to set the Public Hearing date for Local Law #2 of 2018 Procurement Policy for the Town of Florida for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:30pm; All in favor and passed.
2. **RESOLUTION #53** by Councilman Alikonis and seconded by Councilman Rackowski to set the Public Hearing date for Local Law #3; Opting out of the Exemption provided by Real Property Tax Law Section 487 for certain solar energy systems for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:45pm; All in favor and passed.
3. **RESOLUTION #54** sponsored by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Robataille to forward the zone change request by Mullins Realty for the Nadler and Francisco properties along Route 30 to the Montgomery County Planning Board for their review and recommendation; All in favor and passed. Councilman Rackowski abstained.
4. **RESOLUTION #55** sponsored by Councilman Robataille and seconded by Councilman Rackowski authorizing the Highway Superintendent Steven Anderson to expend CHIPS money in the amount of hundred forty-one thousand four hundred sixty-three dollars and twenty six cents (\$141,463.26) for use on forty-two (42) miles of Town roads. All in favor and passed.

Public Comment opened at 7:57pm.

- Len Soodal, 160 Fort Hunter Road, Amsterdam, NY asked if the Supervisor could please ask the Highway Department to pick-up the trash that has been left across the road on his property. Supervisor Mead said he would speak with the Highway Superintendent.
- Ben McGuire, attorney representing Dance Heacock of the THHC asked why the vote regarding the zone change for the land on Thayer and Route 5s has not gone forward since the last Board Meeting? Supervisor Mead said the Board is taking it's time considering and reviewing all impacts that this change will have on the Town and other such zone change requests in the future.

Public Comment Closed @ 8:00pm.

MOTION by Councilman Robataille to audit and pay the monthly bills was seconded by Councilman Rackowski; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to approve the Supervisor's Report was seconded by Councilman Alikonis; all in favor and passed.

MOTION by Councilman Phillips to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Rackowski; all in favor and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Staley
Town Clerk